

GUIDE

TO "NO TRUCK"

roads



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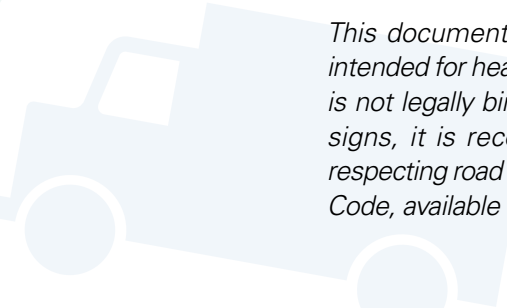
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Warning

This document provides information on Québec road signs intended for heavy vehicles. This easy-to-read information guide is not legally binding. For more complete information on road signs, it is recommended that you consult the Regulation respecting road signs, which is derived from the Highway Safety Code, available on the website of Les Publications du Québec.

Introduction

The mission of the ministère des Transports du Québec is to ensure the sustainable mobility of people and goods throughout its territory through effective and safe transportation systems that contribute to Québec's development. The Ministère takes all appropriate measures to foster the best balance between safety needs and the free flow of goods and people. The trucking network is one of the means used to achieve these objectives.

This guide is a supplement to the *Quick Reference Sheet on Road Signs for Heavy Vehicles*. It provides additional information on certain terms used in the *Highway Safety Code* and in the *Regulation respecting road signs*, but also presents solutions to certain situations that truck drivers have to face on a regular basis.

Definitions

To properly understand road signs related to trucking, it is essential to know the following terms, which clarify the meaning of signs.

Truck: A road vehicle, other than an emergency vehicle, with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR¹) of 4 500 kg or more, designed and equipped mainly for the transportation of goods or of the machinery with which it is permanently equipped and its accessories. Combinations of road vehicles in which at least one vehicle has a GVWR of 4 500 kg or more are also considered trucks.

Unless otherwise indicated in the Regulation, vehicles designed for the transportation of people (regardless of the GVWR) are not considered trucks. Examples: Buses, recreational vehicles.

Combination of road vehicles: A combination of vehicles consisting of a motorized road vehicle drawing one or more trailer(s) or semi-trailer(s), or a detachable axle.

Tow truck: A motor vehicle equipped to lift and tow a road vehicle or to load a road vehicle onto its platform.

Transit: A vehicle is in transit when it is travelling through an area where it is not making any local delivery.

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1. The GVWR is the net weight of a vehicle plus the maximum load the vehicle can carry, according to the manufacturer's specifications.

Local delivery: A delivery made at a particular place that can only be accessed by entering a zone to which access is prohibited, in order to perform one or more of the following tasks:

- Take or deliver goods;
- Provide services;
- Carry out work;
- Have the vehicle repaired;
- Return the vehicle to the base.

Local delivery is always indicated by signs authorizing access to a zone to which access is otherwise prohibited.

Base (home terminal): The company's place of business that is, the place of storage of the vehicle, the office, warehouse, garage or parking lot of the company. The home of truck drivers is also considered as a base when the company who hired the drivers authorizes them to store their truck at their place of residence at the end of their shift. Under no circumstances can the base be located on a public road.



“No truck” Zones

Signs



This sign prohibits truck traffic on the public road where it is installed, except for local delivery.

The sign does not apply to tow trucks, farm motor vehicles, farm machines, farm tractors or oversized vehicles traveling under a special permit which expressly authorizes access to a public road.

Application

The sign is used to delineate “No Truck” zones. Drivers of a vehicle concerned by the sign are authorized to drive the vehicle in a “No Truck” zone only if they need to make a local delivery in that zone. They are not authorized to carry out **other activities in that zone.**

Each road or portion of road where truck traffic is prohibited constitutes a **prohibited zone**. When roads to which access is prohibited are contiguous, they form one single prohibited zone.

When drivers travelling in a prohibited zone encounter the Truck Prohibited sign again, they will be offered a transit road to prevent them from having to drive on another road that is closed to trucks. Drivers must use this transit road as they are not allowed to enter a new prohibited zone if they do not have to make a local delivery in that zone.

Drivers failing to respect the signs indicating a prohibited zone are liable to a fine under the *Highway Safety Code* (175\$ to 525\$).

Practical Cases

Here are a few common situations experienced by drivers travelling in “No Truck” zones. The map at the end of the document illustrates the presented examples.



SITUATION 1: HOME-BASED BUSINESS

Bernard is self-employed and the address of his company is his home address on **rue Laporte**. He uses his truck to deliver furniture and other consumer items for various companies. His home is located in a residential neighbourhood where truck traffic is prohibited. **Can Bernard park his truck at home?**

Yes. Bernard’s home is also his company’s place of business. When Bernard goes home, he is in a situation associated with local delivery because he drives his vehicle to the home terminal. He is authorized to travel in the prohibited zone. However, he must ensure that the municipal parking regulation authorizes the parking of heavy trucks on private property.



SITUATION 2: MEAL AT A RESTAURANT

Bernard has just completed his last delivery of furniture of the morning on **rue Beaulieu**, which is located in a prohibited zone. He decides to have lunch at a restaurant located 500 metres away in the same prohibited zone. **Is he committing an offence?**

Yes. Bernard has the right to travel in the prohibited zone to deliver furniture. However, he commits an offence if he has lunch at a restaurant in that zone. After the delivery, he must continue driving in the prohibited zone until he reaches the next road where truck traffic is allowed. As going to the restaurant is not considered a local delivery, he cannot stop at that restaurant for lunch.



SITUATION 3: REFUELLING

Bernard must transport goods from the warehouse of a large furniture store to a client's house. To do so, he takes **boulevard des Continents**. He decides to refuel at the gas station located on **rue Bellerive**, which is in a "No Truck" zone. **Is Bernard allowed to go to that gas station?**

No. The gas station is located in a prohibited zone. Refuelling is not considered a local delivery. He cannot go to that gas station.



SITUATION 4: DELIVERY TO A CLIENT'S HOUSE

Bernard is making a delivery to a client, Cédric, residing on **rue des Pôles**. At the end of the delivery, Bernard wants to take **rue du Monde**, where truck traffic is prohibited, to return home more quickly. **Does he have the right to take rue du Monde?**

No. The home of Cédric, the client, is not located in the same prohibited zone as **rue du Monde**. Bernard will therefore have to take **rue Desjardins** or **rue Desrosiers** to exit the prohibited zone. He will then continue on **rue Deschênes** and **rue Dubois** and take **boulevard des Continents** to return home.



SITUATION 5: MECHANICAL FAILURE

Bernard is on his way to the next city, around fifty kilometres away from his workplace, to make a delivery. While driving on **boulevard des Continents**, his truck has a mechanical failure. The closest garage is located on **rue du Phare**, where truck traffic is prohibited, except for local delivery. **Can he go to that garage?**

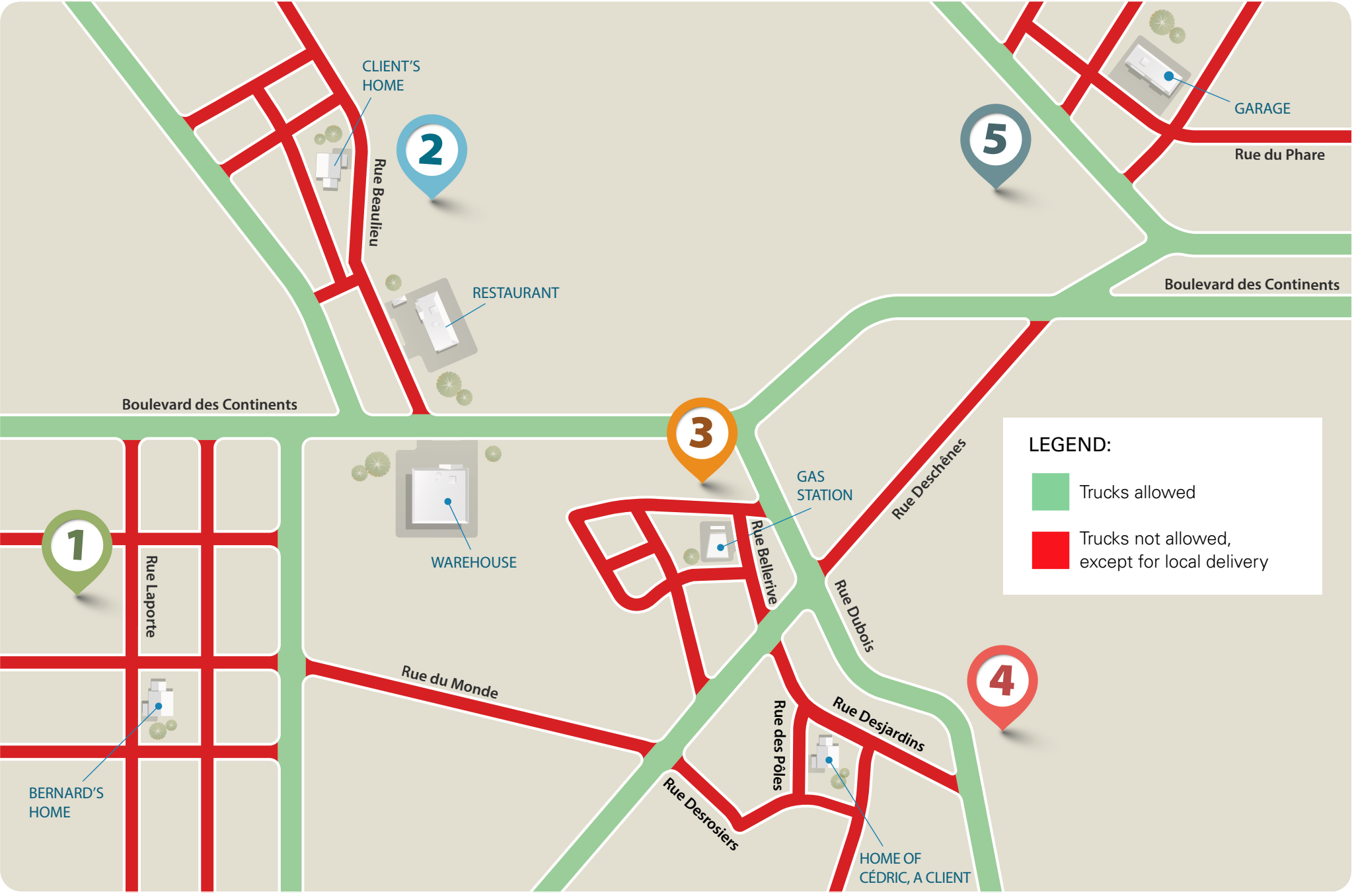
Yes. Bernard can have his truck repaired at that location without any problem because he is in a local delivery situation. Local delivery, as defined earlier, includes situations where drivers must drive their truck in a prohibited zone to have it repaired.

Reference documents

- Highway Safety Code
- Regulation respecting road signs
- La circulation des véhicules lourds sur le réseau routier municipal (in French only)
- Atlas des Transports (in French only)

All these documents are available on the [website of the ministère des Transports du Québec](#) at www.transports.gouv.qc.ca.





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